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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
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**Via Electronic Filing**

**Re: MB Dkt 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; MB Dkt. 07-294, Promoting Diversification of Ownership In the Broadcasting Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, Free Press submits this notice regarding an *ex parte* communication in the above referenced proceedings.

On December 23, 2011, Corie Wright, Free Press Senior Policy Counsel, spoke via telephone with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Dave Grimaldi, her Chief of Staff.

The subject of the conversation was the Commission’s 2010 Media Ownership Review Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which had been released the day before.<sup>1</sup> Ms. Wright expressed agreement with the Commissioner’s statement on the NPRM, and specifically with the Commissioner’s commitment to pursue a data driven review process that will enable the FCC and the public to better assess the competitive and structural barriers preventing women and people of color from becoming broadcast owners and sustaining successful broadcast businesses.

Ms. Wright also reiterated points made previously by Free Press that media consolidation is a key factor impeding broadcast ownership by new entrants and individuals from historically underrepresented groups, including women and people of color. As consolidation further diminishes the already limited number of stations available for purchase, women and people of color have fewer chances to become media owners and to promote diverse programming in local communities.

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<sup>1</sup> 2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-186 (rel. Dec. 22, 2011).

In accordance with the Commission's rules this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully  
submitted,

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